



Southern Georgia

Regional Commission



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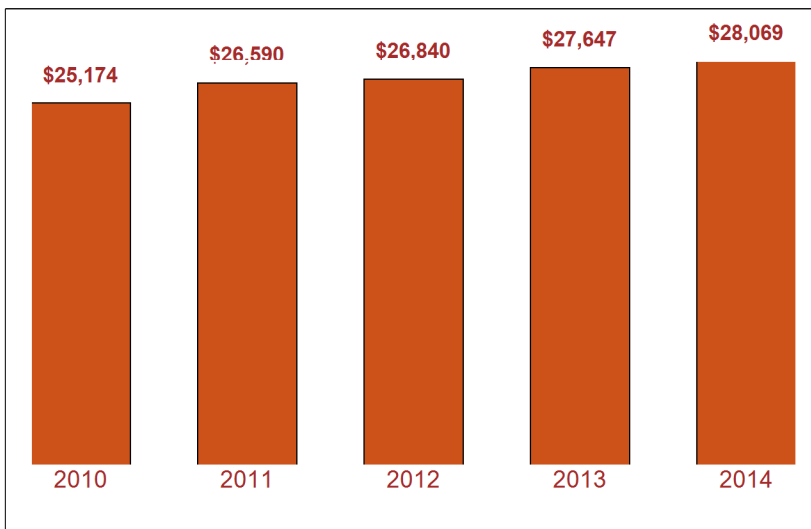
Super Sector Industries

	Establishments			Employment			Weekly Wage		
	2015	2016	% Change	2015	2016	% Change	2015	2016	% Change
Construction	746	761	2.0%	5,444	5,587	2.6%	785	801	2.0%
Education and Health Services	887	923	4.1%	13,254	13,656	3.0%	719	707	-1.7%
Financial Activities	832	806	-3.1%	4,382	4,347	-0.8%	723	750	3.7%
Information	89	84	-5.6%	2,199	2,366	7.6%	587	588	0.2%
Leisure and Hospitality	795	814	2.4%	15,346	15,972	4.1%	246	255	3.7%
Manufacturing	412	415	0.7%	16,317	17,148	5.1%	767	767	0.0%
Natural Resources, Mining, and Agriculture	436	455	4.4%	6,885	7,044	2.3%	456	480	5.3%
Other Services	622	631	1.4%	2,715	3,205	18.0%	461	455	-1.3%
Professional and Business Services	1,020	1,016	-0.4%	10,233	9,849	-3.8%	606	648	6.9%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	2,415	2,438	1.0%	29,846	30,817	3.3%	581	605	4.1%
Unclassified	273	326	19.4%	310	385	24.2%	473	552	16.7%
Government	638	636	-0.3%	31,217	31,306	0.3%	755	702	-7.0%
Total	9,165	9,305	1.5%	138,149	141,686	2.6%	624	622	-0.3%

Note: All figures are 2nd Quarter of 2015 and 2016.

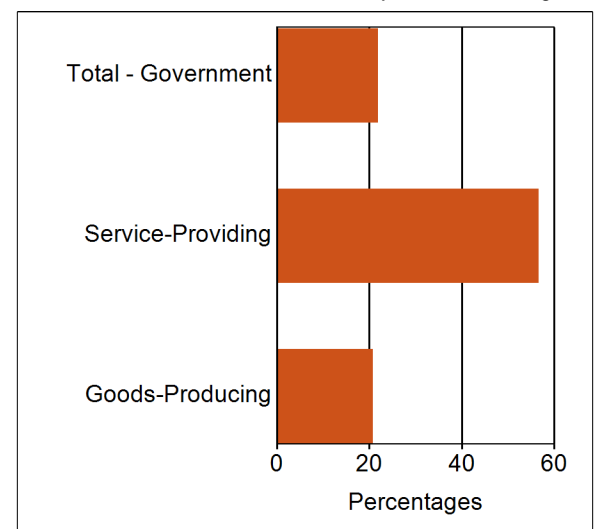
Southern Georgia RC Per Capita Income

Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis



Industry Mix 2016

Source: See Industry Mix data on Page 2.



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Industry Mix - 2nd Quarter of 2016

	Number OF Firms	Employment		WEEKLY WAGE
		NUMBER	PERCENT	
Goods-Producing	1,631	29,779	21.0	705
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	448	6,978	4.9	476
Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	7	66	0.0	831
Construction	761	5,587	3.9	801
Manufacturing	415	17,148	12.1	767
Apparel	3	7	0.0	406
Beverage and Tobacco Product	6	319	0.2	796
Chemical	19	529	0.4	975
Computer and Electronic Product	2	*	*	*
Electrical Equipment, Appliance, and Component	5	*	*	*
Fabricated Metal Product	64	1,993	1.4	827
Food	38	2,333	1.6	608
Furniture and Related Product	27	581	0.4	665
Machinery	23	832	0.6	991
Miscellaneous	18	169	0.1	706
Nonmetallic Mineral Product	24	453	0.3	817
Paper	10	790	0.6	1,085
Petroleum and Coal Products	1	*	*	*
Plastics and Rubber Products	26	1,354	1.0	692
Primary Metal	8	291	0.2	1,108
Printing and Related Support Activities	25	158	0.1	586
Textile Mills	12	716	0.5	650
Textile Product Mills	16	280	0.2	489
Transportation Equipment	27	2,782	2.0	744
Wood Product	61	3,259	2.3	738
Service-Providing	6,712	80,212	56.6	559
Utilities	42	658	0.5	1,164
Wholesale Trade	483	5,267	3.7	780
Retail Trade	1,626	17,963	12.7	475
Transportation and Warehousing	287	6,929	4.9	755
Information	84	2,366	1.7	588
Finance and Insurance	471	2,957	2.1	815
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	335	1,390	1.0	613
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	568	2,601	1.8	846
Management of Companies and Enterprises	33	518	0.4	1,508
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	415	6,730	4.7	505
Educational Services	46	492	0.3	464
Health Care and Social Assistance	877	13,164	9.3	716
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	84	1,421	1.0	279
Accommodation and Food Services	730	14,551	10.3	253
Other Services (except Public Administration)	631	3,205	2.3	455
Unclassified - industry not assigned	326	385	0.3	551
Total - Private Sector	8,669	110,376	77.9	599
Total - Government	636	31,310	22.1	702
Federal Government	169	1,904	1.3	814
State Government	234	7,341	5.2	695
Local Government	233	22,065	15.6	695
ALL INDUSTRIES	9,305	141,686	100.0	622

Note: *Denotes confidential data relating to individual employers and cannot be released. These data use the North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS) categories. Average weekly wage is derived by dividing gross payroll dollars paid to all employees - both hourly and salaried - by the average number of employees who had earnings; average earnings are then divided by the number of weeks in a reporting period to obtain weekly figures. Figures in other columns may not sum accurately due to rounding. All figures are 2nd Quarter of 2016.

Source: Georgia Department of Labor. These data represent jobs that are covered by unemployment insurance laws.

Labor Force Activity

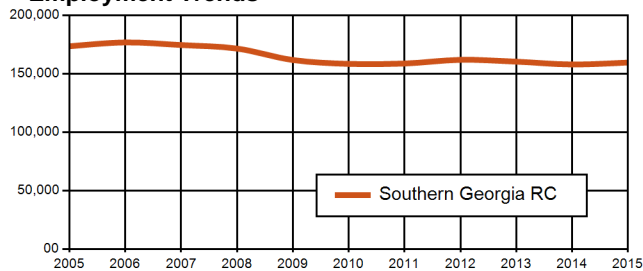
ANNUAL AVERAGES

	Labor Force			Employed			Unemployed			Rate		
	2014	2015	% Change	2014	2015	% Change	2014	2015	% Change	2014	2015	% Change
Atkinson	3,618	3,872	7.0%	3,343	3,656	9.4%	275	216	-21.5%	7.6%	5.6%	-26.3%
Bacon	4,845	5,033	3.9%	4,511	4,758	5.5%	334	275	-17.7%	6.9%	5.5%	-20.3%
Ben Hill	5,597	5,318	-5.0%	5,039	4,837	-4.0%	558	481	-13.8%	10.0%	9.0%	-10.0%
Berrien	7,238	7,010	-3.2%	6,620	6,521	-1.5%	618	489	-20.9%	8.5%	7.0%	-17.6%
Brantley	6,889	6,918	0.4%	6,254	6,415	2.6%	635	503	-20.8%	9.2%	7.3%	-20.7%
Brooks	6,633	6,740	1.6%	6,155	6,339	3.0%	478	401	-16.1%	7.2%	5.9%	-18.1%
Charlton	4,805	4,789	-0.3%	4,452	4,490	0.9%	353	299	-15.3%	7.3%	6.2%	-15.1%
Clinch	2,830	2,843	0.5%	2,591	2,650	2.3%	239	193	-19.2%	8.4%	6.8%	-19.0%
Coffee	17,642	17,395	-1.4%	16,208	16,253	0.3%	1,434	1,142	-20.4%	8.1%	6.6%	-18.5%
Cook	7,401	7,252	-2.0%	6,798	6,773	-0.4%	603	479	-20.6%	8.1%	6.6%	-18.5%
Echols	1,783	1,840	3.2%	1,679	1,754	4.5%	104	86	-17.3%	5.8%	4.7%	-19.0%
Irwin	3,142	3,058	-2.7%	2,844	2,809	-1.2%	298	249	-16.4%	9.5%	8.1%	-14.7%
Lanier	3,791	3,783	-0.2%	3,487	3,532	1.3%	304	251	-17.4%	8.0%	6.6%	-17.5%
Lowndes	50,544	50,355	-0.4%	46,888	47,359	1.0%	3,656	2,996	-18.1%	7.2%	5.9%	-18.1%
Pierce	8,089	8,106	0.2%	7,487	7,614	1.7%	602	492	-18.3%	7.4%	6.1%	-17.6%
Tift	18,254	18,001	-1.4%	16,927	16,892	-0.2%	1,327	1,109	-16.4%	7.3%	6.2%	-15.1%
Turner	3,258	3,243	-0.5%	3,000	3,031	1.0%	258	212	-17.8%	7.9%	6.5%	-17.7%
Ware	14,762	14,747	-0.1%	13,596	13,810	1.6%	1,166	937	-19.6%	7.9%	6.4%	-19.0%
Southern Georgia RC	171,121	170,303	-0.5%	157,879	159,493	1.0%	13,242	10,810	-18.4%	7.7%	6.3%	-18.2%
Georgia	4,756,708	4,770,873	0.3%	4,414,343	4,490,931	1.7%	342,365	279,942	-18.2%	7.2%	5.9%	-18.1%
United States	155,922,000	157,129,917	0.8%	146,305,000	148,833,417	1.7%	9,617,000	8,296,333	-13.7%	6.2%	5.3%	-14.5%

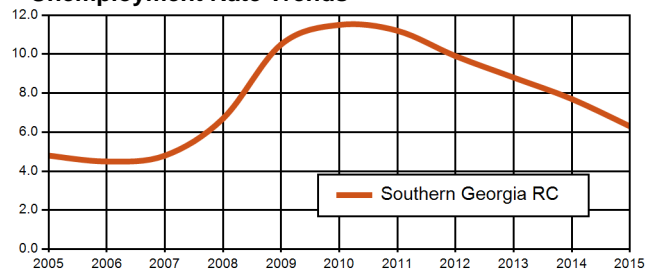
Note: This series reflects the latest information available. Labor Force includes residents of the county who are employed or actively seeking employment.

Source: Georgia Department of Labor; U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

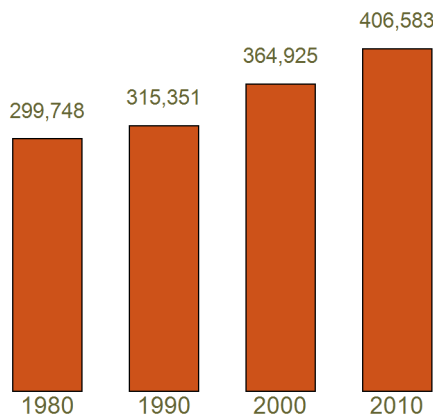
Employment Trends



Unemployment Rate Trends



Population Estimates



Population

	2010 Census	2015 Rank	2015 Estimate	% Change 2000-2015	2025 Projected*	% Change 2010-2025
Lowndes	109,233	45	112,865	3.3	131,190	20.1
City of Valdosta	54,518					
Southern Georgia RC	406,583		410,179	0.9	445,810	9.6
Georgia	9,687,653		10,214,860	5.4	11,538,707	19.1
United States	308,745,538		321,418,820	4.1	349,439,199	13.2

Source: Population Division, U.S. Census Bureau, *Governor's Office of Planning and Budget.

Top Employers - 2015*

TEN LARGEST EMPLOYERS

Southern Georgia RC

Coffee Regional Medical Center, Inc.
 Convergys Customer Management
 Data Software Services, LLC
 Lowes Home Centers, Inc.
 Pierce County Nursing Home
 Pilgrim's Pride Corporation
 StaffMate
 The Home Depot
 Valdosta State University
 Walmart

*Note: Represents employment covered by unemployment insurance excluding all government agencies except correctional institutions, state and local hospitals, state colleges and universities. Data shown for the Third Quarter of 2015. Employers are listed alphabetically by area, not by the number of employees.

Source: Georgia Department of Labor

SIZE CLASS

Employees	Establishments	Employment
0 - 4	5,069	7,458
5 - 9	1,677	11,143
10 - 19	1,122	15,124
20 - 49	836	25,096
50 - 99	327	22,603
100 - 249	170	24,814
250 - 499	42	14,802
500 - 999	11	7,322
1000 - and over employees	5	7,909
Total	9,259	136,271

Note: Data shown for the Third Quarter of 2015.

Education of the Labor Force

Southern Georgia RC

PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY AGE

	PERCENT					
	OF TOTAL	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-64	65+
Elementary	7.4%	2.9%	5.1%	5.4%	6.4%	18.4%
Some High School	16.2%	20.4%	15.9%	13.1%	15.3%	18.1%
High School Grad/GED	36.5%	36.7%	32.5%	38.3%	38.2%	35.3%
Some College	21.3%	32.1%	23.9%	21.3%	18.5%	13.8%
College Grad 2 Yr	6.2%	4.2%	7.9%	7.9%	6.6%	3.3%
College Grad 4 Yr	7.5%	3.6%	10.1%	8.5%	8.1%	6.3%
Post Graduate Studies	4.8%	0.2%	4.5%	5.5%	6.9%	4.8%
Totals	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Note: Totals are based on the portion of the labor force between ages 18 - 65+. The "Some College" category represents workers with less than two years of college and no degree.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau - 2010 Decennial Census.

High School Graduates - 2015



	PUBLIC SCHOOLS	PRIVATE SCHOOLS*	TOTAL
Atkinson	83	--	83
Bacon	141	--	141
Ben Hill	165	--	165
Berrien	208	--	208
Brantley	207	--	207
Brooks	113	--	113
Charlton	74	--	74
Clinch	81	--	81
Coffee	424	--	424
Cook	203	--	203
Echols	58	--	58
Irwin	95	--	95
Lanier	81	--	81
Lowndes	1,068	--	1,068
Pierce	235	--	235
Tift	484	--	484
Turner	71	--	71
Ware	310	--	310
Southern Georgia RC	4,101	--	4,101

Note: Public schools include city as well as county schools systems.

* Private schools data is not available for 2015 from Georgia Independent School Association.

Source: The Governor's Office of Student Achievement of Georgia.

Colleges and Universities

Southern Georgia RC

Lowndes

Georgia Military College-Valdosta Campus

Embry-Riddle - Moody Center

<http://fusion.erau.edu/ec/www/centerinfo.cfm?code=b8>

Valdosta State University

www.valdosta.edu

Wiregrass Georgia Technical College

www.wiregrass.edu

Ware

Coastal Pines Technical College

<http://>

Okefenokee Technical College

www.okefenokeetech.edu

South Georgia State College

www.waycross.edu

Tift

Troy University-Tifton Site

tifton.troy.edu/

Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College

www.abac.edu

Ben Hill

East Central Technical College

www.eastcentraltech.edu

Coffee

South Georgia State College

www.sgc.edu

Note: The colleges and universities listed include public and private institutions. This list is updated periodically as information becomes available.

Source: Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS).

Technical College Graduates - 2015*

PROGRAMS	TOTAL GRADUATES			PERCENT CHANGE	
	2013	2014	2015	2013-2014	2014-2015
Accounting Technology/Technician and Bookkeeping°	82	81	140	-1.2	72.8
Administrative Assistant and Secretarial Science, General	52	60	101	15.4	68.3
Aesthetician/Esthetician and Skin Care Specialist°	18	24	69	33.3	187.5
Allied Health and Medical Assisting Services, Other°	49	93	203	89.8	118.3
Autobody/Collision and Repair Technology/Technician°	22	40	65	81.8	62.5
Automobile/Automotive Mechanics Technology/Technician°	158	112	452	-29.1	303.6
Banking and Financial Support Services°	18	22	25	22.2	13.6
Business Administration and Management, General°	6	9	39	50.0	333.3
CAD/CADD Drafting and/or Design Technology/Technician°	1	1	21	0.0	2000.0
Child Care Provider/Assistant°	36	38	242	5.6	536.8
Clinical/Medical Laboratory Technician	15	12	5	-20.0	-58.3
Communications Systems Installation and Repair Technology°	4	11	13	175.0	18.2
Computer and Information Systems Security/Information Assurance°	9	7	15	-22.2	114.3
Computer Installation and Repair Technology/Technician°	27	33	85	22.2	157.6
Computer Programming/Programmer, General°	5	8	17	60.0	112.5
Cosmetology/Cosmetologist, General°	167	164	458	-1.8	179.3
Criminal Justice/Safety Studies°	133	165	419	24.1	153.9
Culinary Arts/Chef Training	7	3	30	-57.1	900.0
Data Entry/Microcomputer Applications, General°	22	5	72	-77.3	1340.0
Data Processing and Data Processing Technology/Technician°	74	81	148	9.5	82.7
Dental Assisting/Assistant	11	6	14	-45.5	133.3
Design and Visual Communications, General°	9	17	38	88.9	123.5
Drafting and Design Technology/Technician, General°	5	1	3	-80.0	200.0
Early Childhood Education and Teaching°	54	30	119	-44.4	296.7
Electrical/Electronics Equipment Installation and Repair, General°	29	27	50	-6.9	85.2
Electrician°	60	63	85	5.0	34.9
Electromechanical and Instrumentation and Maintenance Technologies/Technicians,°	3	9	12	200.0	33.3
Emergency Medical Technology/Technician (EMT Paramedic)°	87	61	225	-29.9	268.9
Food Preparation/Professional Cooking/Kitchen Assistant°	51	55	106	7.8	92.7
Game and Interactive Media Design°	1	2	16	100.0	700.0
General Office Occupations and Clerical Services°	22	14	55	-36.4	292.9
Health Information/Medical Records Technology/Technician°	15	23	42	53.3	82.6
Health Services/Allied Health/Health Sciences, General°	1	5	61	400.0	1120.0
Heating, Air Conditioning, Ventilation and Refrigeration Maintenance Technology°	206	191	318	-7.3	66.5
Industrial Mechanics and Maintenance Technology°	28	54	92	92.9	70.4
Licensed Practical/Vocational Nurse Training	202	209	318	3.5	52.2

Technical College Graduates - 2015*

PROGRAMS	TOTAL GRADUATES			PERCENT CHANGE	
	2013	2014	2015	2013-2014	2014-2015
Lineworker°	36	40	88	11.1	120.0
Machine Shop Technology/Assistant°	5	5	22	0.0	340.0
Marketing/Marketing Management, General	17	24	45	41.2	87.5
Mechanic and Repair Technologies/Technicians, Other	7	1	2	-85.7	100.0
Medical Transcription/Transcriptionist°	5	3	1	-40.0	-66.7
Medical/Clinical Assistant	49	22	52	-55.1	136.4
Network and System Administration/Administrator°	50	12	72	-76.0	500.0
Nursing Assistant/Aide and Patient Care Assistant/Aide°	84	155	397	84.5	156.1
Ophthalmic and Optometric Support Services and Allied Professions, Other°	6	7	13	16.7	85.7
Pharmacy Technician/Assistant°	8	13	12	62.5	-7.7
Phlebotomy Technician/Phlebotomist°	66	71	90	7.6	26.8
Photographic and Film/Video Technology/Technician and Assistant	1	9	3	800.0	-66.7
Radiologic Technology/Science - Radiographer°	20	21	14	5.0	-33.3
Respiratory Care Therapy/Therapist	8	9	9	12.5	0.0
Restaurant, Culinary, and Catering Management/Manager°	2	15	36	650.0	140.0
Surgical Technology/Technologist°	22	19	44	-13.6	131.6
Surveying Technology/Surveying°	6	6	12	0.0	100.0
Truck and Bus Driver/Commercial Vehicle Operator and Instructor°	164	222	454	35.4	104.5
Web Page, Digital/Multimedia and Information Resources Design°	1	1	3	0.0	200.0
Welding Technology/Welder°	221	251	588	13.6	134.3

Definition: All graduates except those listed as technical certificates(°) are diploma and degree graduates. Diploma and degree programs are one to two years in length. Technical certificates are less than a year in length. Duplication may occur due to graduates with multiple awards.

Source: Technical College System of Georgia

*Data shown represents Annual 2013, 2014, and 2015.

Note: Please visit TCSG website for any college configuration changes.

Active Applicants - Georgia Department of Labor

	TOTAL	Mgt.	Bus. and Finance	Comp. and Arch. Math	Eng.	Life and Soc. Svcs.	Comm. and Svcs	Legal	Ed. and Training	Arts and Design	Health Prac.	Health Support
Atkinson	69	6	11	0	5	2	0	2	2	4	26	11
Bacon	88	27	0	4	3	7	0	0	10	3	29	5
Ben Hill	116	15	9	0	8	11	2	0	13	1	21	36
Berrien	124	6	10	13	0	5	24	0	16	15	17	18
Brantley	103	4	8	2	3	9	1	0	5	47	17	7
Brooks	191	1	1	4	99	2	1	0	4	4	20	55
Charlton	32	12	5	0	1	0	2	0	3	1	2	6
Clinch	54	1	41	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	10
Coffee	587	53	103	6	15	5	21	0	40	24	141	179
Cook	180	13	32	3	2	0	0	10	2	7	30	81
Echols	9	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	5	0	0	0
Irwin	69	22	3	0	9	3	0	0	5	2	23	2
Lanier	182	4	0	8	81	2	0	0	10	1	67	9
Lowndes	1,192	70	216	87	78	5	23	0	173	101	267	172
Pierce	263	11	3	12	59	0	9	0	15	30	96	28
Tift	428	10	81	48	11	15	7	0	48	10	184	14
Turner	72	2	25	9	0	0	0	0	18	1	7	10
Ware	661	31	25	90	50	7	87	0	66	9	185	111
Subtotal Area	4,420	291	573	286	425	73	177	12	435	260	1,134	754

Active Applicants - Georgia Department of Labor (cont.)

	TOTAL	Protect. Svcs.	Food Prep.	Ground Cleaning	Personal Care	Sales	Office Support	Farm. and Forestry	Cons- truction	Installation Main.	Prod.	Trans. and Moving
Atkinson	1,067	0	34	8	13	181	173	136	27	69	207	219
Bacon	1,031	2	37	3	32	82	278	13	57	30	198	299
Ben Hill	1,766	7	56	18	39	170	309	15	59	273	526	294
Berrien	1,439	35	43	6	11	136	388	0	30	178	314	298
Brantley	1,415	21	43	8	10	189	380	4	111	90	223	336
Brooks	1,342	30	59	55	26	170	239	23	38	103	296	303
Charlton	486	9	13	0	5	71	92	10	35	112	56	83
Clinch	364	5	7	1	6	7	145	6	11	3	34	139
Coffee	7,246	115	270	79	119	730	1,117	184	324	460	1,910	1,938
Cook	1,662	22	53	36	43	224	334	16	47	135	485	267
Echols	266	0	0	0	3	22	59	47	8	7	106	14
Irwin	912	9	9	5	6	167	269	28	45	10	154	210
Lanier	622	17	9	8	7	33	235	7	15	86	88	117
Lowndes	5,824	154	327	119	137	318	1,225	117	206	759	1,568	894
Pierce	2,198	14	119	20	16	406	711	37	141	105	229	400
Tift	3,237	14	114	49	53	425	951	79	86	166	543	757
Turner	960	14	33	28	14	104	212	2	20	52	263	218
Ware	4,377	151	328	102	120	391	1,255	62	264	303	840	561
Subtotal Area	36,214	619	1,554	545	660	3,826	8,372	786	1,524	2,941	8,040	7,347

Note: For current applicant data available for a specific occupation, contact the nearest Georgia Department of Labor Career Center.

Source: Georgia Department of Labor (active applicants as of October 2016).

Georgia Department of Labor Location(s)

Career Center(s)

2808 North Oak Street
Valdosta GA 31602

Phone: (229) 333 - 5211

Fax: (229) 333 - 5301

310 South Tift Avenue
Tifton GA 31794

Phone: (229) 386 - 3322

Fax: (229) 386 - 7188

600 Plant Avenue
Waycross GA 31501

Phone: (912) 285 - 6105

Fax: (912) 287 - 6550

70 Lockwood Drive
Douglas GA 31533

Phone: (912) 389 - 4254

Fax: (912) 389 - 4307

For copies of Area Labor Profiles, please visit our website at: <http://dol.georgia.gov> or contact Workforce Statistics & Economic Research, Georgia Department of Labor, 148 Andrew Young International Blvd N.E. Atlanta, GA. 30303-1751. Phone: 404-232-3875; Fax: 404-232-3888 or Email us at workforce_info@gdol.ga.gov